

(B) *preexisting condition exclusions; and*

(C) *required waiting periods for benefits.*

(c) *The board of trustees by rule may provide the information described by Subsections (a) and (b) in printed materials for new employees distributed on the first day of employment. The board of trustees may consider using printed materials, online presentations, and educational presentations to ensure the information described by Subsections (a) and (b) is provided to employees.*

(d) *If applicable, the board of trustees shall annually review the materials and presentations described by Subsection (c) to determine if changes to the contents of the materials or presentations are necessary. If applicable, the department shall adopt rules necessary for considering and making changes to the materials or presentations.*

(e) *The board of trustees shall publish the information described by Subsections (a) and (b) on the Employees Retirement System of Texas website.*

SECTION 2. The board of trustees shall adopt rules to implement the changes in law made by this Act not later than January 1, 2014.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 297

H.B. No. 1272

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and duties of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 402.035, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (g-1) and amending Subsections (d) and (h) to read as follows:

(b-1) A state or local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney that assists in the prevention of human trafficking shall, at the request of the task force, cooperate and assist the task force in collecting any statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the possession of the law enforcement agency or district or county attorney.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) collaborate, as needed to fulfill the duties of the task force, with:

(A) United States attorneys for the districts of Texas; and

(B) special agents or customs and border protection officers and border patrol agents of:

(i) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

(iii) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

(iv) ~~the~~ United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ~~[Agency]~~; or

(v) the United States Department of Homeland Security;

(2) collect, organize, and periodically publish statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in this state, *including data described by Subdivisions (4)(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E);*

(3) solicit cooperation and assistance from state and local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state, nongovernmental organizations, and other persons, as appropriate, for the purpose of collecting and organizing statistical data under Subdivision (2);

(4) ensure that each state or local governmental agency and political subdivision of the state *and each state or local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney* that assists in the prevention of human trafficking collects statistical data related to human trafficking, including, as appropriate:

(A) the number of investigations concerning, arrests and prosecutions for, and convictions of:

(i) the offense of trafficking of persons; and

(ii) the offense of forgery or an offense under Chapter 43, Penal Code, if committed as part of a criminal episode involving the trafficking of persons;

(B) demographic information on persons who are convicted of offenses described by Paragraph (A) and persons who are the victims of those offenses;

(C) geographic routes by which human trafficking victims are trafficked, *including routes by which victims are trafficked across this state's international border*, and geographic patterns in human trafficking, including the country or state of origin and the country or state of destination;

(D) means of transportation and methods used by persons who engage in trafficking to transport their victims; and

(E) social and economic factors that create a demand for the labor or services that victims of human trafficking are forced to provide;

(5) work with the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to develop and conduct training for law enforcement personnel, victim service providers, and medical service providers to identify victims of human trafficking;

(6) *work with the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Health and Human Services Commission to:*

(A) *develop a list of key indicators that a person is a victim of human trafficking;*

(B) *develop a standardized curriculum for training doctors, nurses, emergency medical services personnel, teachers, school counselors, school administrators, and personnel from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission to identify and assist victims of human trafficking;*

(C) *train doctors, nurses, emergency medical services personnel, teachers, school counselors, school administrators, and personnel from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission to identify and assist victims of human trafficking;*

(D) *develop and conduct training for personnel from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission on methods for identifying children in foster care who may be at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking; and*

(E) *develop a process for referring identified human trafficking victims and individuals at risk of becoming victims to appropriate entities for services;*

(7) on the request of a judge of a county court, county court at law, or district court or a county attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney, assist and train the judge or the judge's staff or the attorney or the attorney's staff in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking;

(8) ~~(7)~~ examine training protocols related to human trafficking issues, as developed and implemented by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies;

(9) ~~(8)~~ collaborate with state and local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and nongovernmental organizations to implement a media awareness campaign in communities affected by human trafficking;

(10) [(9)] develop recommendations on how to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist human trafficking victims, and prosecute human trafficking offenders; and

(11) [(10)] examine the extent to which human trafficking is associated with the operation of sexually oriented businesses, as defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code, and the workplace or public health concerns that are created by the association of human trafficking and the operation of sexually oriented businesses.

(g-1) *In this section, "emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.*

(h) This section expires September 1, 2015 [2013].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1272 on May 16, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 298

H.B. No. 1287

AN ACT

relating to the contents of an application by certain persons for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the person's residence homestead.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (j) and (n) and adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(j) In addition to the items required by Subsection (f), an application for a residence homestead exemption prescribed by the comptroller and authorized by Section 11.13 must:

(1) list each owner of the residence homestead and the interest of each owner;

(2) state that the applicant does not claim an exemption under that section on another residence homestead in this state or claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence homestead outside this state;

(3) state that each fact contained in the application is true;

(4) include a copy of the applicant's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate *unless the applicant* [and]:

(A) *is a resident of a facility that provides services related to health, infirmity, or aging* [a copy of the applicant's vehicle registration receipt]; or

(B) *is certified for participation in the address confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure* [if the applicant does not own a vehicle, an affidavit to that effect signed by the applicant and a copy of a utility bill for the property subject to the claimed exemption in the applicant's name];

(5) state that the applicant has read and understands the notice of the penalties required by Subsection (f); and

(6) be signed by the applicant.